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Ms. Hannah Thoburn
Professional Staff Member
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate

April 18, 2019

Dear Hannah,

I am delighted to invite you to participate in the Atlantic Council's Balkans Forward Staff Delegation, which will take place from May 25 to June 1, 2019 and will visit Kosovo, Albania, Serbia, and Montenegro.

The purpose of the staff delegation visit to the region is to build greater awareness and understanding among congressional staff of the challenges and opportunities facing the Western Balkans, support informed US policy toward the region, and help foster a new generation of policymakers and experts on the Balkans. The week-long visit will allow participants to meet with a broad cross-section of decision-makers and stakeholders, including senior government and opposition officials, civil society and next generation leaders, and representatives from the private sector from across the Balkan countries, and thus enable them to gain a deeper understanding of key issues affecting Southeastern Europe. Substantively, the program will cover issues related to regional security, economic development, crime and corruption, institution and capacity building, as well as US policy and transatlantic cooperation in the region.

The delegation is organized by the Atlantic Council as part of its Balkans Forward Initiative, which is a unique, coordinated effort to foster a democratic, secure, and prosperous Western Balkans firmly integrated into the transatlantic community. The Balkans Forward Initiative provides analysis on regional developments, organizes delegations to the region, develops strategy and policy recommendations, and regularly convenes relevant actors and leaders.

Given your role as professional staff on the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, we would be delighted if you agreed to join the delegation visit to the Western Balkans from May 25 through June 2. The Balkans Forward Staff Delegation Trip will of course adhere to all the ethics requirements of the United States Senate.

I would be grateful if you could let us know whether you can participate. Our Senior Fellow Damir Marusic and Associate Director Jörn Fleck will manage this delegation and are your points of contact. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to either Damir at DMarusic@AtlanticCouncil.org or Jörn at JFleck@AtlanticCouncil.org.

Best,

Damon Wilson

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Executive Vice President, Programs and Strategy

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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(se	e point 2 on additional pages for more information).
Dat	es of travel: May 25 - June 1, 2019
	ce of travel: Pristina & Prizren, Kosovo; Tirana, Albania; Belgrade, Serbia; Budva, Montenegro
Nar	ne and title of Senate invitees: See point 5 on additional pages
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X	I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
	I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
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X	The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (see question 9).

9.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B) I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a						
	foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:						
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	(C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.						
10.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B) If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:						
11.	An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I certify that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hourby-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.						
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	See point 12 on additional pages for more information						
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	See point 21 on the additional pages for more information					
22.	Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:					
	See point 22 on the additional pages for more information					
23.	I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).					
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5.	I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you must include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):					
	Signature of Travel Sponsor: Name and Title: Julie Varghese, Chief Administrative Officer					
	Name of Organization: The Atlantic Council of the United States					
	Address: 1030 15th Street NW, 12th Floor, Washington D.C. 20005					
	Telephone Number: 202 599 8637					
	Fax Number:					
	E-mail Address: jvarghese@atlanticcouncil.org					



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Final Agenda

Saturday, May 25

5:35 p.m. Depart Washington DC (IAD) for Pristina (via Vienna)

Location: Washington Dulles International Airport

Flight number: OS 94

Airline: Austrian Airlines

Sunday, May 26

8:40 a.m. Arrive Vienna International Airport (VIE)

10:10 a.m. Depart VIE for Pristina

Location: Vienna International Airport

Flight number: OS 777

Airline: Austrian Airlines

11:40 a.m. Arrive Pristina International Airport Adem Jashari

Meet Jörn Fleck and Damir Marusic at arrivals

Transfer to Hotel

Hotel check-in

Hotel Nartel

Kalabria BII B2 Llam B

Pristina, Kosovo

Telephone: +38338558855

Web site: http://www.hotelnartel.com/en/Home

Sunday, May 26 - continued

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Welcome Lunch – Logistics Brief

Location: Hotel Nartel

Briefers: Jörn Fleck, Associate Director, Future Europe Initiative, Atlantic

Council

Damir Marusic, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council

Topics: Briefing on the program and logistics

Relevance: Staffers received an overview of the program and key logistical

issues.

Downtime

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Country briefing with The Hon. Philip S. Kosnett, Ambassador of the United

States to the Republic of Kosovo

Location: Hotel Nartel

Briefers: Ambassador Philip Kosnett

US Embassy Staff

Topics: Background briefing on meetings with Kosovo government

officials and US government positions and assessments

Relevance: The Ambassador briefed the staffers on the latest domestic

political developments in Kosovo and US government positions and assessments related to current political issues in the country. The briefing covered the ongoing Dialogue between Kosovo and Serbia, the Kosovar tariffs on Serbian products, and different positions within the government on the way forward. The discussion also addressed challenges in domestic reform efforts, crime and corruption trends, and the government leaders the

delegation was scheduled to meet the following day.

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. H.E. Enver Hoxhaj, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, of the Republic of Kosovo

Location: Hotel Nartel

Topics: Domestic politics, Kosovo-Serbia Dialogue, EU and NATO

perspective

Relevance: Deputy Prime Minister Hoxhaj discussed his perspective on the

domestic political dynamics, the tariffs on Serbia, and the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue as well as the EU perspective for Kosovo. Hoxhaj also fielded questions from the staffers regarding a wide range of domestic policy issues, including in his area of

education policy.

7:45 p.m. Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to dinner

Sunday, May 26 - continued

7:45 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. Program briefing over dinner

Location: Tiffany's Restaurant

Kalabria, Pristina 10000 Kosovo

Briefers: Damon Wilson, Executive Vice President, Programs and

Strategy, Atlantic Council

Damir Marusic, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council

Topics: Briefing on the key issues of the visit to the region and the political,

economic, and security situation in the Balkans

Relevance: Staffers received an overview of the current situation in the region

and latest developments, helping familiarize them with relevant information ahead of their meetings. The briefing was also designed to strengthen their foundational understanding of the region and provide an opportunity to gain knowledge of the key issues impacting the Western Balkans in preparation for the following days. Damon Wilson and Damir Marusic are both

experts on the Balkans.

Transfer to Hotel

Programming Ends

Monday, May 27

8:30 a:m. Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to government meetings

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. H.E. Hashim Thaçi, President of the Republic of Kosovo

Location: Presidential Palace

Office of the President of Kosovo

Assembly Building "Mother Theresa" Square

10 000 Pristina

Topics: The Kosovo-Serbia dialogue, the ongoing tariff dispute with

Serbia, Kosovo's foreign policy and domestic priorities

Relevance: The meeting allowed the delegation to gain a better understanding

of the president's outlook on the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue and his approach to the current deadlock. The group was also able to discuss potential US policy options to support a mutually agreeable solution in this process. The meeting also provided an opportunity for the staffers to ask the president about domestic reform initiatives and updates on the Kosovo army as well as Kosovo's NATO and EU perspectives. The meeting enabled the group to compare the President's positions with those of the Prime

Minister.

9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. H.E Kadri Veseli, Chairman of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo

Location: Assembly of Kosovo

Government Building, "Mother Teresa" Square

10000 Pristina, Republic of Kosovo

Topics: Parliamentary agenda, Kosovo-Serbia relations, US-Kosovo

relations

Relevance: The staffers discussed the domestic political dynamics in the

country's parliament with a parliamentary leader. The president of the parliament also provided an overview of his priorities with regard to US-Kosovo relations and competing views of the

Kosovo-Serbia dialogue.

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. H.E. Ramush Haradinaj, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo

Location: Office of the Prime Minister

Government Building, "Mother Teresa" Square

10000 Pristina, Republic of Kosovo

Topics: Kosovo-Serbia dialogue, the ongoing tariff dispute with Serbia,

domestic policy and reform agenda, Kosovo's NATO and EU

perspective.

Relevance: The staffers were able to gain a deeper understanding of the

Prime Minister's outlook on the Kosovo-Serbia dialogue, the tariffs on Serbian products, and the efforts of the international community to broker a deal. The group was also able to discuss potential US policy options to support a mutually agreeable solution. The meeting furthermore covered the domestic reform agenda of the prime minister and key policy challenges such as

crime and corruption.

11:45 a.m. *Transfer to hotel for checkout. Please prepare bags for departure*

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. KFOR Briefing – Alexander Avios Aaimo, Chief Political Advisor, KFOR Headquarters

Location: Private Room, Hotel Nartel

Topics: KFOR role, security and law enforcement challenges in Kosovo **Relevance:** Mr. Aalmo briefed the staff delegation on KFOR's current role in

Kosovo, relations with the government, and KFOR assessments of the domestic political and security situation. The briefing also covered relations between the Albanian and Serbian populations, potential crisis points, the Kosovo Security Force, and crime and corruption challenges as well as NATO/ KFOR's posture in the

country.

Depart hotel with luggage for EU Delegation meeting

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. H.E. Nataliya Apostolova, EU Special Representative to the Republic of Kosovo

Location: European Union Office in Kosovo

Kosova Street 1, Pristina 10000 Republic of Kosovo

Topics: EU assessments of the domestic reform agenda, Kosovo's EU

perspective, Kosovo-Serbia Dialogue

Relevance: The meeting with the EU Special Representative, effectively the

EU Ambassador in the country, and her senior Embassy team provided the staffers EU's assessments of Kosovo's progress on domestic political, economic, and institutional reform on its path toward candidate status for EU accession. The staffers also discussed the EU's outlook on the EU-facilitated Kosovo-Serbia dialogue and the April 29 Berlin meeting with all six Balkan countries, which included the Kosovar and Serbian presidents. Staffers were able to compare the EU assessment with viewpoints expressed by Kosovo government representatives and better

evaluate progress.

3:30 p.m. Depart Pristina for Tirana by bus

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Travel Debrief from Kosovo/ Briefing on Albania while in transit

Briefers: Damon Wilson, Executive Vice President, Programs and

Strategy, Atlantic Council

Judy Ansley, Senior Advisor, Atlantic Council

Topics: Kosovo debrief, briefing on Albanian politics, economic situation,

and domestic reform, US-Albanian relations

Relevance: Mr. Wilson and Ms. Ansley led a general discussion with the

staffers on their key takeaways and impressions from the meetings in Pristina. They then provided an overview of the program in Tirana and background on the latest domestic developments with regards to the stand-off between the government and opposition in Albania as well as on US-Albanian

relations and Albania's role in NATO.

8:15 p.m.

Arrive at Tirana

Hotel check-in

The Plaza

Rruga 28 Nentori, 1001

Tirana, Albania

Telephone: +355 (0) 422 112 21

Web site: https://www.plazatirana.com/

8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Working dinner with Mr. Erion Veliaj, Mayor of Tirana, Republic of Albania

Key Participants:

Leyla Moses-Ones, Chargé d'Affaires, U.S. Embassy to Albania

Arbjan Mazniku, Deputy Mayor, City of Tirana, Albania

Location:

The Plaza, Restaurant, 2nd Floor

Topics:

Local policy challenges and reform efforts in Tirana, preview of

the June local elections, Albania's domestic political situation

Relevance:

The working dinner provided an opportunity for the staffers to discuss local efforts at governance and economic reform in Tirana as well as infrastructure and other challenges with the mayor and deputy mayor of the city. They were also able to gain a better understanding of a next generation local political leader's perspectives on the recent developments in Albanian domestic politics and the upcoming June local elections and how they will

impact national political dynamics.

Programming Ends

Tuesday, May 28

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. Country Briefing with Leyla Moses-Ones, Chargé d'Affaires, US Embassy to

Albania

Location: The Plaza Hotel, Private Room, 2nd Floor

Briefers: Chargé d'Affaires Leyla Moses-Ones

US Embassy Staff

Topics: Background briefing on meetings with Albanian government

officials and US government positions and assessments

Relevance: The Chargé d'Affaires and her senior Embassy team briefed the

staffers on the latest developments relating to the current political situation in the country, the ongoing deadlock between the government and opposition parties, and the Albanian counterparts the delegation will meet the following day. The Embassy team also shared US government positions, assessments, and concerns related to the domestic situation and key policy challenges facing

Albania.

8:15 a.m. Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to government meetings

8:30 a.m.- 9:45 a.m. H.E. Ilir Meta, President of the Republic of Albania

Location: Presidential Palace

Rruga e Elbasanit, Tirana 1044, Albania

Topics: Albania's domestic political situation, foreign policy priorities

Relevance: The president provided an overview of his perspective and

position on the current domestic political situation and stalemate between the government and the opposition. The delegation also discussed Albania's domestic reform efforts and the pending EU

decision on Albania's accession candidacy.

10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. H.E. Edi Rama, Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania

Location: Office of the Prime Minister

Blv. Dëshmorët e Kombit 1

Tirana, Albania

Topics: Albania's domestic political situation, foreign policy priorities, US-

Albania relations, Albania's EU candidacy

Relevance: The meeting allowed the staffers to gain a deeper understanding

of the Prime Minister's domestic priorities with regard to the current political situation in Albania and the stand-off with the opposition. The prime minister and the group also discussed the government's strategy with regard to the upcoming decision on Albania's EU accession candidacy and priorities with regard to domestic reform. The conversation furthermore covered Albania's NATO commitments and challenges in the wider Balkan region.

11:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. H.E. Gramoz Ruçi, President of the Parliament of the Republic Albania

Location: Parliament of the Republic of Albania

Boulevard "Dëshmorët e Kombit" Nr.4

Tirana, Albania

Topics: Albania's domestic political situation, EU candidacy

Relevance: The staffers were able to hear the viewpoint of the Parliament's

President on the domestic political situation and possible solutions to the current stalemate between the government and the opposition, with particular regard to the boycott of parliament by the opposition. The delegation was also able to discuss parliamentary dynamics with regard to the country's EU candidacy status, domestic reforms, and the upcoming EU announcement

on accession negotiations.

12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. Lunch Discussion with Members of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament of Albania

Key Participants:

Dr. Mimi Kodheli, Chairwoman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, Parliament of Albania

Rudina Hajdari, Member of Parliament Taulant Balla, Member of Parliament Ditmir Bushati, Member of Parliament

Ervin Bushati, Member of Parliament and Chairman, Albanian Parliamentary

Delegation to the OSCE

Location: Sky Tower Tirana

Rruga Ibrahim Rugova, Tirana 1000, Albania

Topics: Albania's foreign policy priorities, US-Albania relations, EU

candidacy outlook

Relevance: The discussion with the chairwoman of parliament's committee on

foreign affairs and several committee members allowed staffers to gain a better understanding of parliamentary priorities and approaches with regard to regional policy challenges in the Western Balkans and key foreign policy issues for Albania. The discussion also covered key issues in US-Albania relations, the country's role in NATO positions and priorities on potential EU accession negotiations. The multi-party group MPs also offered

their perspectives on the domestic political situation.

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. American Chamber of Commerce Albania

Key Participants:

Mr. Enio Jaço, President, AmCham Albania Mr. Reshard Kellici, Secretary of the Board Mr. Dael Dervishi, Member of the Board Mrs. Eni Xheko, Member of the Board

Mr. Ilir Trimi, Executive Director, AmCham Albania

Location: Sky Tower Tirana

Rruga Ibrahim Rugova, Tirana 1000, Albania

Topics: US private sector engagement and investment in Albania, key US

private sector priorities and concerns

Relevance: The staffers tearned first-hand about the profile of US private

sector activity and investment in Albania from American business representatives. The group also discussed key US private sector priorities for domestic reform and concerns about hurdles for

business in the country.

3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Meetings with Albanian opposition party representatives, including:

Key Participants:

Lulzim Basha, Chair, Democratic Party (DP) Fatmir Mediu, Chair, Republican Party

Klajda Gjosha, Deputy Chair, Socialist Movement for Integration (LSI)

Location: Democratic Party Headquarters

Topics: Albania's domestic political situation, EU candidacy

Relevance: The staffers were able to hear the viewpoints of the leaders of the

country's three largest opposition parties on the domestic political situation and possible solutions to the current stalemate between the government and the opposition. The group discussed international concerns about the situation and possible approaches to move past the current stalemate. The delegation was also able to discuss opposition perspectives with regard to the country's pending EU candidacy status, domestic reforms, and the upcoming EU announcement on accession negotiations as

well as the impact of the domestic situation on the above.

4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Roundtable with U.S. Embassy Albanian Youth Council facilitated by Lucija Straley

Location: American Corner in the National Library

Topics: Youth priorities and perspectives with regard to Albania's future Relevance: The staffers met with Albanian college students, young

professionals, and youth activists to discuss their perspectives on the key challenges facing the younger generation of Albanians and the country as a whole. The group discussed everyday concerns of young Albanians, civic and political engagement, and issues regarding professional prospects, the education sector, and the challenge of the brain drain. The staff delegation was also able to gain a better understanding of attitudes among young Albanians toward politics and the current political situation in

Albania.

Walk to The Plaza

6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussion with Albanian Think Tank Representatives and Policy Experts on regional issues and cooperation in the Western Balkans

Participants:

Odeta Barbullushi, Adviser to the PM/Scholar Remzi Lani, Albanian Media Institute (ISHM) Sotiraq Hroni, Institute for Democracy and Mediation Gjergj Vrumo, Institute for Democracy and Mediation Albert Rakipi, Albania Institute for International Studies Alba Cela, Albania Institute for International Studies Fatjona Mejdini, Journalist

Ebi Spahiu, Embassy of The Netherlands

Krisela Hackaj, Center for International Development

Epidamn Zeqo, Independent Researcher Megi Llubani, OSCE Security Expert

Location: Private Room, The Plaza

Topics: Albania's domestic political situation, domestic reform agenda,

Albania's EU perspective

Relevance: The staffers were able to hear the perspectives of a diverse mix

of civil society and think tank representatives on the current domestic political situation, domestic policy challenges, such as crime and corruption, and the status of existing political, economic, and institutional reform efforts. The staffers also discussed non-governmental perspectives on the country's path toward the EU, the impending decision on accession negotiations, and how a potential delay of the decision may impact Albanian

politics and society.

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7:30 p.m. Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to dinner

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Albania Debrief/ Takeaways Discussion over Dinner

Location: Restaurant Mullixhiu

Topics: Key takeaways and impressions form the meetings in Albania Relevance: Damon Wilson and Judy Ansley led a discussion about the

staffer's key takeaways and impressions of the meetings in

Albania.

Programming Ends

Wednesday, May 29

2:30 a.m. *Meet in hotel lobby with luggage for transfer to the airport*

Check out and Transfer to Tirana Airport

4:30 a.m. Depart Tirana for Belgrade

Location: Tirana International Airport

Flight number: JU 217
Airline: Air Serbia

5:45 a.m. Arrive at Belgrade Airport

Transfer to Hotel

6:45 a.m. Early Check-in Requested

Metropol Palace

Bulevar kralja Aleksandra 69, 11000

Belgrade

Telephone: +381 11 3333100

Web site: https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/beglc-metropol-palace-a-luxury-

collection-hotel-belgrade/

Downtime

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Country Briefing with The Hon. Kyle Randolph Scott, Ambassador of the

United States to the Republic of Serbia

Location: Elytis Lounge, 7th floor, Metropol Palace

Briefers: Ambassador Kyle Randolph Scott

US Embassy Staff

Topics: Background briefing on meetings with Serbian government

officials and US government positions and assessments of

Serbian domestic politics and foreign policy

Relevance: Ambassador Scott briefed the staffers on current Serbian

domestic and foreign policy issues and the ongoing Dialogue between Serbia and Kosovo. The discussion also covered the

latest US government positions and assessments.

Meet in lobby for transfer to government meetings. Please bring passports.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Dr. Tanja Miščević,** Head of the Negotiating Team for the Accession of the Republic of Serbia to the European Union

Location: Government Building

4th Floor, Room 155 11 Nemanjina St Belgrade, Serbia

Topics: Serbia's EU accession candidacy and negotiations, domestic

reform agenda

Relevance: This meeting with the head of Serbia's EU accession negotiation

team and her staff allowed the delegation to gain a better understanding of the perspectives of the Serbian government on progress and key challenges in the accession talks as well as its assessment of EU positions and dynamics with regard to enlargement. Both sides also discussed the release of the EU progress report on Serbia later that day and the related issues on

the domestic reform agenda.

11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. H.E. Ana Brnabić, Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia

Location:

Nemanjina 11 Belgrade, Serbia

Other Meeting Participants:

Djordje Milosević, Foreign Policy Adviser

Mladen Bašić, Media Adviser

Ana Ilić, Advisor for digital and creative industries

Nenad Paunović, Adviser for IT and entrepreneurship

Bojana Simeunović, Adviser for science Ms. Tamara Bosilj, Member of PM's office Mr. Stefan Badža, Member of PM's office Mr. Vukašin Grozdić, Member of PM's office

Topics: Serbian government's domestic and foreign policy challenges and

priorities, domestic economic reform agenda, and EU accession

candidacy

Relevance: The Prime Minister and her senior policy team discussed a wide

range of issues in an open exchange of views with the staffers. These included the Prime Minister's foreign policy priorities with regard to Serbia-Kosovo relations but also the wider Balkan region and foreign actors. The meeting also covered a wide range of domestic issues, such as the economic reform agenda, economic development initiatives to attract foreign investment, and digitization. On the day of the release of the EU's progress report on Serbia, both sides also discussed the status of Serbia's EU

accession negotiations.

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. H.E. Nebojša Stefanović, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior,
Republic of Serbia

Location: 2 Mihajla Pupina Boulevard

Belgrade, Serbia

Topics: Law enforcement, crime and corruption, and foreign influence

challenges in Serbia

Relevance: The meeting offered staffers an opportunity to engage in a

dialogue with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior of Serbia, who oversees law enforcement and intelligence agencies and coordinates international cooperation in these areas. The group discussed the challenges facing Serbian law enforcement from organized crime throughout the region and international cooperation with partners in the United States and Europe. The exchange of views also covered efforts by the Serbian government to address foreign influence and illicit

financial flows.

Transfer to Meeting with Serbian Opposition Representatives

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Meeting with Serbian Opposition Representatives

Mr. Damjan Krnjevic Miskovic, Advisor to 2017 presidential candidate and President of the People's Party, Vuk Jeremic

LtGen(ret.) Zdravko Ponos, Vice-President of People's Party and former Chief of the General Staff of the Serbian Armed Forces

Location: CIRSD

bulevar Oslobodjenja 177

Belgrade, Serbia

Topics: Opposition perspectives on the current domestic political agenda

and situation

Relevance: The exchange of views with opposition representatives allowed

the staffers to hear different perspectives on the latest political developments in Serbia and the government's political agenda. The group also discussed opposition attitudes toward the Serbia-

Kosovo dialogue and the nature of a potential deal.

Transfer to hotel

6:15 p.m. Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to dinner

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Serbia Debrief over working dinner

Location: Manufaktura Restaurant Belgrade

Kralja Petra 13, Beograd 11000, Serbia

Briefers: Damon Wilson, Executive Vice President, Programs and

Strategy, Atlantic Council

Damir Marusic, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council

Topics: Key takeaways and impressions from the first day of meetings in

Belgrade, discussion of agenda on day 2

Relevance: Mr. Wilson and Mr. Marusic led a discussion about the staffers

insights and impressions from the first day of meetings with government and opposition representatives, and Ms. Ansley. They will also receive background on the meetings planned for

day two in Belgrade.

Programming Ends

Thursday, May 30

7:30 a.m. Meet in lobby for transfer to government meetings. Please bring passports.

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. H.E. Aleksandar Vučić, President of the Republic of Serbia

Location: Presidential Palace of Serbia

Andrićev venac 1, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia

Topics: Belgrade-Pristina dialogue and Serbia-Kosovo relations, Serbian

foreign policy challenges and priorities, US-Serbia relations,

domestic reform agenda and EU accession candidacy

Relevance: The President discussed his assessment and priorities for the

Belgrade-Pristina dialogue, the outcomes of the recent Berlin summit, and developments in Serbia-Kosovo relations more broadly. The group also exchanged views on the EU progress report on Serbia released the day before, the EU accession negotiations more broadly, and the domestic reform agenda. The meeting furthermore explored how to improve US-Serbia

relations.

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Briefing on Crime and Corruption in Serbia/ Balkans

Bojana Jovanović, Deputy Editor in Chief, KRIK, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project

Jelena Vasić, Project Manager and Investigative Reporter, KRIK, Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project

Location: U.S. Embassy Belgrade

92 Bulevar kneza Aleksandra Karadjordjevica

11040 Beigrade, Serbia

Topics: Trends in crime and corruption in Serbia and the wider region Relevance: Ms. Jovanovic and MS Vasić briefed the group on the work of

KRIK, the Serbian chapter of the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP). The briefing included an introduction to the trends and patterns related to organized crime and corruption in Serbia and the wider region as observed by KRIK. The journalists also provided an update on their most recent stories and fielded questions from the staffers on their work and

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crime and corruption challenges in the region.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Roundtable with Civil Society Representatives

Location: U.S. Embassy Belgrade

92 Bulevar kneza Aleksandra Karadjordjevica

11040 Belgrade, Serbia

Topics: Human rights, freedom of the media, governance and institutional

reform

Relevance: The staffers met with a cross-section of Serbian civil society

representatives to discuss their assessments of media freedom and the general media landscape in Serbia, the civil liberties and human rights situation in the country related to political activism and minorities, and crime and corruption as well as the work of lawyers on these issues. The exchange of views allowed the staffers to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges facing Serbia in these areas and hear assessments from independent, non-government experts, allowing them to compare these with

government assessments shared in prior meetings.

Transfer to hotel for checkout. Please prepare bags for departure

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Briefing over light lunch with H.E. Sem Fabrizi, EU Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia

Location: Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia

Vladimira Popovica St. 40, 5th floor (GTC Avenue building, block 19a) 11070 New Belgrade, Republic of Serbia

Topics: Serbia's EU accession candidacy and negotiations, domestic

reform agenda, Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue

Relevance: The EU Ambassador in Serbia and his team briefed the staffers

on the EU report on Serbia's progress in the accession negotiations, released the previous day. In addition to the EU's assessments of Serbia's accession negotiations, the group also discussed progress in its related domestic policy reform efforts, and the outlook of the EU-facilitated Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue

after the Berlin Summit.

Transfer to Digital Serbia Initiative

3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Meeting with Digital Serbia Initiative

Location: Spanskih Boraca 3 Street, 3rd floor

Novi Beograd (Microsoft Development Centre Serbia)

Topics: Serbian digital sector and digitization, competitiveness, and

innovation policy, US-Serbia business links

Relevance: The Digital Serbia Initiative is a non-governmental, non-profit

organization advocating transformation of Serbia into a digital society and includes national, US, and other international digital companies. The meeting with the Digital Serbia Initiative offered the staffers an opportunity to learn about business perspectives

on economic reform and digitization policies in the country.

4:30 p.m. Transfer to airport

6:35 p.m. Depart Belgrade for Tivat

Location: Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport

Flight number: YM 203 Airline: Montenegro Airlines

7:20 p.m. Arrive at Tivat Airport

Transfer to Hotel

Hotel Splendid Becici bb, 85310, Budva, Montenegro

Telephone: +382 33 773 777

Web site: https://montenegrostars.com/home-splendid

Hotel Check in

8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Country Briefing over dinner with The Hon. Judy Rising Reinke, Ambassador

of the United States to Montenegro and US Embassy Team

Location: Restaurant, Hotel Splendid

Briefers: Ambassador Judy Rising Reinke

US Embassy Staff

Topics: Official US positions and assessments on Montenegro

Relevance: The US Ambassador and her country team briefed the delegation

on the latest developments in the domestic politics in Montenegro, the country's commitments in NATO, its path toward EU accession, and foreign policy challenges facing Podgorica. The Embassy briefing also covered US positions and assessments and prepared the staffers for their government meetings the

following day.

10:00 p.m. Programming Ends

Friday, May 31

9:45 a.m. Meet in Lobby for Opening of To Be Secure Forum

10:00 a.m. Official Opening 2BS (to be secure) forum

Speaker:

Duško Marković, Prime Minister, Montenegro

Location: Conference Hall Petrović, Hotel Splendid

Relevance: President Milo Đukanović articulated the need, and his vision, for

greater efforts throughout the Western Balkans to move beyond existing disputes, accelerate domestic reform, and for the countries in the region take a more cooperative approach to Euro-

Atlantic integration.

Friday May 31 – continued

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Panel 1: "Western Balkans: Gremlins of the Past and Fairy Tales of the Future"

Keynotes:

Milo Đukanović, *President*, Montenegro Borut Pahor, President, Slovenia

Panelists:

Ali Aslan, Tv Presenter & Journalist, Germany

Marina Pendeš, Minister, Ministry Of Defense, Bosnia And Herzegovina Thomas Silberhorn, Parliamentary State Secretary, Ministry Of Defense, Germany

Péter Sztáray, State Secretary For Security Policy, Ministry Of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary

Igor Lukšić, Former Prime Minister And Minister Of Foreign Affairs And Director of SEE, Pwc, Montenegro

Damon Wilson, Executive Vice President, Atlantic Council, USA

Conference Hall Petrović, Hotel Splendid Location:

Panel Topics: From the conference organizers: The Western Balkans have, like the rest of Europe, been experiencing "the very taste" of geopolitics, with growing influence of Russia, China and Turkey that are exercising their role and influence in the region through carefully crafted soft power "recipes" and offer different visions and frameworks for the region. But to be fair, many of the region's problems are still internal. From the Serbia-Kosovo dispute, ethnic tensions and divisions in Bosnia and Herzegovina to high corruption and unemployment rate and generally unenviable economic situation. These issues in combination with lurking external influences can have a crucial impact in shaping the future of this region. However, not everything is gloomy, Montenegro marks this year its second anniversary of NATO membership and has made important progress towards its EU membership. Following its steps, Macedonia represents a bright example that if there are political will and leadership, solutions are possible. It has managed to resolve, almost three decades long name dispute with Greece and is set to become 30th NATO member. Can Bosnia and Herzegovina follow these examples and find common ground among the entities in pushing the country towards European and Euro-Atlantic integration? What about future prospects of integration for Serbia?

Relevance:

The panel discussion offered the staff delegation a discussion and combination of perspectives from the region, Europe, and the United States on key themes and challenges - past, present, and future - facing the countries of Southeastern Europe and possible approaches to addressing them.

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Friday May 31 - continued

12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. Bilateral Meeting with Milo Đukanović, President, Montenegro

Location: 5th Floor Conference Room, Hotel Splendid

Topics: Montenegro foreign policy priorities, domestic political

developments, foreign influence

Relevance: The staffers were able to learn about the President's outlook on

the key challenges in the region, especially in relation to the regional implications of the Belgrade-Pristina dialogue after his participation at the April 29 Berlin summit and the outlook for Montenegro's EU accession process. The group also discussed the President's comments during the opening session on the need for greater regional cooperation to advance stability, drive economic development, and ensure Euro-Atlantic integration in the long-term. The delegation furthermore had an opportunity to discuss the domestic political development in the country following the attempted coup and government crisis of 2016 as well as

foreign influence in the region.

12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Panel 2: "Security Reimagined: The Ironclad Commitment to The

Transatlantic Alliance put to test"

Speakers:

Srđan Darmanović, Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Montenegro Steven Erlanger, Chief Diplomatic Correspondent in Europe, The New York Times

David Konecký, Political Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic Bruno Lété, Senior Fellow, Security and Defense, GMFUS

Robert Pszczel, Senior Officer for Russia and the Western Balkans, NATO PDD Stefano Stefanini, Brussels Director, Project Associates

Judy Ansley, Senior Advisor, Future Europe Initiative, Atlantic Council, USA

Location: Conference Hall Petrović, Hotel Splendid

Panel Topics: From the conference organizers: Even though NATO's primary

purpose was to safeguard against Soviet Union, nowadays when we mark its 70th anniversary, it seems unjust to qualify NATO only as the most successful military alliance in modern history. NATO is a political alliance as much as military one, in a sense that it requires political commitment of each member state to one another as allies. Transatlantic Commitment is under pressure on several fronts, from disputes over the need for increased budget spending for NATO, stronger voices and calls for European "Army", growing security threats, eroded relations between Russia and the West, to the reemergence of the nuclear and chemical threats. How these challenges affect transatlantic divide? Is the commitment of the Allies to this 7-decade long partnership still unwavering? Will the EU member states and institutions take a leap forward and establish truly capable European forces? In marking the 70th anniversary of NATO one thing is certain, we

must remind ourselves that strong solidarity and commitment based on shared values among allies is what keeps us united and resilient to the diverse and multiple challenges we face and continue to face for many decades to come. As Benjamin Franklin put it: "We must, indeed, all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately."

Relevance:

Staffers heard a combination of regional, US, and European

policy-maker perspectives on the current and future role of NATO.

2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Staff Delegation Debrief over lunch with Damon Wilson, Judy Ansley, and Damir Marusic

Location: Restaurant Villa, Budva

Briefers: Damon Wilson, Executive Vice President, Programs and

Strategy, Atlantic Council

Judy Ansley, Senior Advisor, Atlantic Council

Damir Marusic, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council

Topics: Key takeaways from the trip, impressions from the 2BS forum,

feedback on trip

Relevance: Mr. Wilson, Ms. Ansley, and Mr. Marusic led a general discussion

with the staffers on their key takeaways and impressions from the meetings in Montenegro, the panel discussions, and the trip overall. The staff delegation considered how the Balkans visit was applicable to their respective positions and how the lessons and perspectives gained would impact their future work. The lunch debrief also included a general feedback session on logistics, agenda, and the quality of meetings over the course of the trip.

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Panel 3: "Three Shades of Red: Russia, China and Turkey – Changing Global Power Dynamics?"

Speakers:

Bobo Lo, Independent Analyst and Associate Research Fellow, Russia/NIS Center, IFRI, UK

Theresa Fallon, Founder and Director, Centre For Russia Europe Asia Studies, Belgium

Pinar Akpinar, Scholar, Conflict Resolution and Mediation Stream, Istanbul Policy Center, Turkey

Vadym Chernysh, Minister, Ministry of Temporarily Occupied Territories and Internally Displaced Persons, Ukraine

Paul Bolt, Professor of Political Science, US Air Force Academy, USA

Location: Conference Hall Petrović, Hotel Splendid

Panel Topics: From the conference organizers: For decades, the United States

has been "a shining city upon a hill" that led and shaped international - unipolar order, peerless in its influence over the rest of the globe. But power constellations across the globe are shifting and the world order we know is struggling to endure these shifts. Rise of the new global and medium powers that deny important aspects of the world order, as well as the surge of many non-state

actors, sub and supranational entities increasingly challenge the order and existing power constellation creating a space for alliances which otherwise would be unlikely to happen. With "America First" policy of President Trump and growing skepticism toward some of the major international topics, such as global trade and climate changes, the World's only superpower is turning inward, leaving an opening for other global and medium powers -Russia, China, Turkey- to seize the larger power slices and play more prominent role on global chessboard, shaping the order by its own measure and size. Russia and China are steadily forming closer economic and strategic relations and together with Turkey starting to align on some of the pressing international issues, exercising stronger influence across different regions and countries. Is the "great new partnership" among the three looming behind the corner and can it usurp the global power constellations? Is China really seeking to overthrow the United States' position as the leader of a global order and what about Russia? Has any power for that matter, let alone a superpower, given up its number one easily?

Relevance:

Staffers heard a combination of regional, US, and European policy-maker perspectives on geopolitical competition in the Balkans as one of the most pressing challenges affecting the region.

6:45 p.m. Meet in the lobby for transfer to Farewell Dinner

7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. To Be Secure Main Dinner

8:00 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Bilateral Meeting with H.E. Srđan Darmanović, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro

Topics: Montenegro foreign policy priorities and foreign influence **Relevance**: The staffers were able to gain a better understand

The staffers were able to gain a better understanding of Montenegro's foreign policy priorities and challenges from the conversation with the foreign minister. The exchange of views also covered the country's plans for the next phase of its NATO membership and involvement as well as the challenge of foreign

influence in the region.

9:45 p.m. **Programming Ends**

Saturday, June 1

a.m. - Hannah Thoburn joins Senate Foreign Relations Committee travel



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Agenda (as of May 24)

Saturday, May 25

5:35 p.m.

Flight departure to Pristina (via Vienna)

(Michael Andrews, Judy Ansley, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina

Mahoney, Hannah Thoburn, Damon Wilson)

Location:

Washington Dulles International Airport

Flight number:

OS 94

Airline:

Austrian Airlines

Sunday, May 26

8:40 a.m.

Arrive Vienna International Airport (VIE)

(Michael Andrews, Judy Ansley, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina

Mahoney, Hannah Thoburn, Damon Wilson)

10:10 a.m.

Depart VIE for Pristina

(Michael Andrews, Judy Ansley, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina

Mahoney, Hannah Thoburn, Damon Wilson)

Location:

Vienna International Airport

Flight number:

OS 777

Airline:

Austrian Airlines

11:30 a.m.

Flight departure to Pristina (via Frankfurt)

(Lina Dakheel)

Location:

Heathrow Airport

Flight number: LH 905

Airline:

Lufthansa

11:40 a.m.

Arrive Pristina International Airport Adem Jashari

(Michael Andrews, Judy Ansley, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina

Mahoney, Hannah Thoburn, Damon Wilson)

Meet Jörn Fleck and Damir Marusic at arrivals

Sunday, May 26 - continued

Transfer to Hotel

Hotel check-in

Hotel Nartel

Kalabria Bll B2 Llam B Pristina, Kosovo

Telephone: +38338558855

Web site: http://www.hotelnartel.com/en/Home

Downtime

2:00 p.m. Arrive Frankfurt am Main Airport (FRA)

(Lina Dakheel)

3:30 p.m. Depart FRA for Pristina

(Lina Dakheel)

Location: Frankfurt am Main Airport

Flight number: LH 6916
Airline: Lufthansa

5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Country briefing with The Hon. Philip S. Kosnett, Ambassador of the United

States to the Republic of Kosovo

Location: Hotel Nartel

5:40 p.m. Arrive Pristina International Airport Adem Jashari

(Lina Dakheel)

6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. H.E. Enver Hoxhaj, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo

Location: Hotel Nartel

7:25 p.m. Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to dinner

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Program briefing over dinner

Location: Restaurant Collection

Kalabria, Pristina 10000 Kosovo

9:30 p.m. Transfer to Hotel

Programing Ends

Monday, May 27

7:15 a.m. Flight departure to Pristina (via Frankfurt)

(Gabrielle Gould)

Location: Berlin Tegel Airport

Flight number: LH 45
Airline: Lufthansa

8:25 a.m. Frankfurt am Main Airport (FRA)

(Gabrielle Gould)

9:30 a.m. Depart FRA for Pristina

(Gabrielle Gould)

Location: Frankfurt am Main Airport

Flight number: LH 6916 Airline: Lufthansa

Breakfast on your own (included in room rate)

8:30 a.m. Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to government meetings

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. H.E. Hashim Thaçi, President of the Republic of Kosovo

Location: Presidential Palace

Office of the President of Kosovo Assembly Building "Mother

Theresa" Square, 10 000 Pristina.

9:35 a.m. – 10:05 a.m. H.E Kadri Veseli, Chairman of the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo

Location: Assembly of Kosovo

Government Building, "Mother Teresa" Square

10000 Pristina, Republic of Kosovo

10:10 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. H.E. Ramush Haradinaj, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo

Location: Office of the Prime Minister

Government Building, "Mother Teresa" Square

10000 Pristina, Republic of Kosovo

10:50 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. H.E. Behgjet Pacolli, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs

of Kosovo

Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs Building

Str. "Luan Haradinaj"

10000 Pristina, Republic of Kosovo

11:20 a.m. *Transfer to hotel for checkout. Please prepare bags for departure*

11:40 a.m. Arrive Pristina International Airport Adem Jashari

(Gabrielle Gould)

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Military and Civilian Officials from KFOR Mission to Kosovo

Location: Private Room, Hotel Nartel

Depart hotel with luggage for EU Delegation meeting

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. H.E. Nataliya Apostolova, EU Special Representative to the Republic of Kosovo

Location: European Union Office in Kosovo

Kosova Street 1, Pristina 10000 Republic of Kosovo

3:15 p.m. Depart Pristina for Tirana by bus

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Travel Debrief from Kosovol Briefing on Albania while in transit

7:30 p.m. Arrive at Tirana

Hotel check-in

The Plaza

Rruga 28 Nentori, 1001

Tirana, Albania

Telephone: +355 (0) 422 112 21

Web site: https://www.plazatirana.com/

8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Working dinner with Mr. Erion Veliaj, Mayor of Tirana, Republic of Albania

Location: Panevino (2 minute walking distance from The Plaza)

Programing Ends

Tuesday, May 28

7:15 a.m. Flight departure to Tirana (via Rome)

(Mimi Bair)

Location:

Leonardo da Vinci International Airport

Flight number: AZ 619 Airline: Alitalia

7:15 a.m. -- 8:15 a.m. Private Breakfast with U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Leyla Moses-Ones and core US

Embassy team.

Location:

The Plaza Hotel

8:15 a.m. Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to government meetings

8:30 a.m.- 9:30 a.m. H.E. Ilir Meta, President of the Republic of Albania

Location: Presidential Palace

Rruga e Elbasanit, Tirana 1044, Albania

8:25 a.m. Arrive Leonardo da Vinci International Airport (FCO)

(Mimi Bair)

'9:25 a.m. Depart FCO for Tirana

(Mimi Bair)

Location: Leonardo da Vinci International Airport

Flight number: AZ 582 Airline: Alitalia

10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. H.E. Edi Rama, Prime Minister of the Republic of Albania

Location: Office of the Prime Minister

Blv. Dëshmorët e Kombit 1

Tirana, Albania

10:50 a.m. Arrive Tirana International Airport

(Mimi Bair)

Transfer to Hotel

11:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. H.E. Gramoz Ruçi, President of the Parliament of the Republic Albania

Location: Parliament of the Republic of Albania

Boulevard "Dëshmorët e Kombit" Nr.4

Tirana, Albania

12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. Working Lunch Meeting Dr. Mimi Kodheli, Chairwoman of the Foreign Affairs

Committee of Albania and Foreign Affairs Committee Members

Location: Sky Tower Tirana

Rruga Ibrahim Rugova, Tirana 1000, Albania

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. American Chamber of Commerce Albania

Location: Sky Tower Tirana

3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Meetings with Albanian opposition party representatives, including:

Klajda Gjosha, Deputy Chair, Socialist Movement for Integration (LSI)

Lulzim Basha, Chair, Democratic Party (DP) Fatmir Mediu, Chair, Republican Party

Location: Parliament of the Republic of Albania

Boulevard "Dëshmorët e Kombit" Nr.4

Tirana, Albania.

4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Roundtable with Albanian Youth Council facilitated by Lucija Straley

Location: American Corner in the National Library

6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussion with Albanian Think Tank Representatives and

Policy Experts on regional issues and cooperation in the Western Balkans

Location: Private Room, The Plaza

7:30 p.m. Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to dinner

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Optional Group Dinner

Location: Restaurant Mullixhiu

Programing Ends

Wednesday, May 29

2:30 a.m. *Meet in hotel lobby with luggage for transfer to the airport*

Check out and Transfer to Tirana Airport

4:30 a.m. Depart Tirana for Belgrade

Location: Tirana International Airport

Flight number: JU 217
Airline: Air Serbia

5:45 a.m. Arrive at Belgrade Airport

Transfer to Hotel

6:30 a.m. Early Check in

Metropol Palace

Bulevar kralja Aleksandra 69, 11000

Belgrade

Telephone: +381 11 3333100

Web site: https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/beglc-metropol-palace-a-luxury-

collection-hotel-belgrade/

Downtime

8:00 a.m. ~ 9:00 a.m. Country Briefing with The Hon. Kyle Randolph Scott, Ambassador of the

United States to the Republic of Serbia

Location: Elytis Lounge, 7th floor, Metropol Palace

9:00 a.m. Meet in lobby for transfer to government meetings. Please bring passports.

9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Prime Minister Cabinet - Roundtable with Policy Team Leads, including:

Djordje Milosević, Foreign Policy Adviser

Mladen Bašić, Media Adviser

Ana Ilić, Advisor for digital and creative industries

Nenad Paunović, Adviser for IT and entrepreneurship

Bojana Simeunović, Adviser for science Ms. Tamara Bosilj, Member of PM's office Mr. Stefan Badža, Member of PM's office Mr. Vukašin Grozdić, Member of PM's office

Location: Nemanjina 11 Belgrade, Serbia

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Dr. Tanja Miščević, Head of the Negotiating Team for the Accession of the

Republic of Serbia to the European Union

Location: Government Building

4th Floor, Room 155 11 Nemanjina St Belgrade, Serbia

11:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m. H.E. Ana Brnabić, Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia

Location: Nemanjina 11 Belgrade, Serbia

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Informal Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. H.E. Nebojša Stefanović, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia

Location: 2 Mihajla Pupina Boulevard Belgrade, Serbia

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Meetings with Serbian Opposition Representatives, including:

Mr. Damjan Krnjevic Miskovic, Advisor to 2017 presidential candidate and

President of the People's Party, Vuk Jeremic

LtGen(ret.) Zdravko Ponos, Vice-President of People's Party and former Chief of

the General Staff of the Serbian Armed Forces

Location: CIRSD

bulevar Oslobodjenja 177

Belgrade, Serbia

Transfer to hotel

6:15 p.m. Meet in hotel lobby for transfer to dinner

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Serbia Debrief over working dinner

Location: Manufaktura Restaurant Belgrade

Kralja Petra 13, Beograd 11000, Serbia

Programing Ends

Thursday, May 30

7:30 a.m. Meet in lobby for transfer to government meetings. Please bring passports.

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. H.E. Aleksandar Vučić, President of the Republic of Serbia

Location: Presidential Palace of Serbia

Andrićev venac 1, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Meeting with Bojana Jovanović, Deputy Editor in Chief at KIRK, Organized

Crime and Corruption Reporting Project

Location: U.S. Embassy Belgrade

92 Bulevar kneza Aleksandra Karadjordjevica

11040 Belgrade, Serbia

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Roundtable with Civil Society Representatives

Location: U.S. Embassy Belgrade

92 Bulevar kneza Aleksandra Karadjordjevica

11040 Belgrade, Serbia

Transfer to hotel for checkout. Please prepare bags for departure

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Informal lunch

2:30 p.m. Meet in hotel lobby with your luggage for transfer to meeting

Transfer to Digital Serbia Initiative

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Meeting with Digital Serbia Initiative

Location: Spanskih Boraca 3 Street, 3rd floor

Novi Beograd (Microsoft Development Centre Serbia)

4:30 p.m. Transfer to airport

6:35 p.m. Depart Belgrade for Tivat

Location: Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport

Flight number: YM 203 Airline: Montenegro Airlines

7:20 p.m. Arrive at Tivat Airport

Transfer to Hotel

Hotel Splendid Becici bb, 85310, Budva, Montenegro

Telephone: +382 33 773 777

Web site: https://montenegrostars.com/home-splendid

Hotel Check in

8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Briefing over dinner with The Hon. Judy Rising Reinke, Ambassador of the

United States to Montenegro

Location: Hotel Splendid

10:00 p.m. Programming Ends

Friday, May 31

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Bilateral Meetings with Senior Government Representatives, including:

H.E. Milo Đukanović, President of Montenegro

H.E. Duško Marković, Prime Minister of Montenegro

H.E. Srđan Darmanović, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro

Location: Hotel Splendid

10:00 a.m. Official Opening 2BS (to be secure) forum

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Panel 1: "Western Balkans: Gremlins of the Past and Fairy Tales of the

Future"

Location: Conference Hall Petrović, Hotel Splendid

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Panel 2: "Security Reimagined: The Ironclad Commitment to The

Transatlantic Alliance put to test"

Location: Conference Hall Petrović, Hotel Splendid

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Bilateral Meetings with Senior Government Representatives, including:

H.E. Mr. Zoran Zaev, Prime Minister of the Republic of North Macedonia H.E. Igor Crnadak, Minister of Foreign Affairs for Bosnia and Herzegovina

Location: Hotel Splendid

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Panel: "Three Shades of Red: Russia, China and Turkey – Changing Global

Power Dynamics?"

5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Bilateral meetings with government officials

H.E. Predrag Bošković, Minister of Defence of Montenegro

Mr. Thomas Silberhorn, Parliamentary State Secretary of the Ministry of

Defence, Federal Republic of Germany

Location: Hotel Splendid

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Farewell dinner and Feedback Session

Location: Astoria

Njegoseva 4, Old Town, Budva

Backup: Langust Restaurant

36 Obala St, Pržno

Programming Ends

Saturday, June 1

7:00 a.m. Check out and Transfer to Podgorica Airport

(Mimi Bair, Lina Dakheel, Gabrielle Gould)

8:00 a.m. Check out and Transfer to Tivat Airport

(Michael Andrews, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney)

8:15 a.m. Arrive at Podgorica Airport

. (Mimi Bair, Lina Dakheel, Gabrielle Gould)

8:30 a.m. Arrive at Tivat Airport

(Michael Andrews, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney)

9:45 a.m. Depart Podgorica for Istanbul (IST)

(Mimi Bair, Lina Dakheel, Gabrielle Gould)

Location: Podgorica Airport

Flight number: TK 1086 Airline: Turkish Airlines

10:05 a.m. Depart Tivat for Munich (MUC)

(Michael Andrews, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney)

Location: Tivat Airport Flight number: LH 1733

Airline: Lufthansa

11:50 a.m. Arrive Munich Airport (MUC)

(Michael Andrews, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney)

12:30 p.m. Arrive Istanbul Ataturk Airport (IST)

(Mimi Bair, Lina Dakheel, Gabrielle Gould)

2:55 p.m. Depart Istanbul for Washington, D.C (IAD)

(Mimi Bair, Lina Dakheel, Gabrielle Gould)
Location: Istanbul Ataturk Airport

Flight number: TK 7

Airline: Turkish Airlines

4:25 p.m. Depart Munich for Washington, D.C. (IAD)

(Michael Andrews, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney)

Location: Munich International Airport

Flight number: LH 414 Airline: Lufthansa

7:25 p.m. Arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)

(Mimi Bair, Lina Dakheel, Gabrielle Gould)

7:30 p.m. Arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)

(Michael Andrews, Kevin Fashola, Sarah Garding, Christina Mahoney)